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THE NEW NATIONAL ENA does not hold (test raspo

Personnel of the Mississippi Legis-

VICKSBURG, MISS., March 24, 1872. To the Editors of the New National Era: Whenever I sit to skotch the various men bers of the Legislature it kindles within me a warm feeling for the many good qualities and earnest friendship of all of them. Taking them as a whole, a nobler set of men ton. He is classed among the carpet-bagger cannot be found in any Legislature in the cannot be found in any Legislature and Legisla-country, and I do not believe any Legisla-ture gives to their State better laws than ours who delight in making this fact a stigms upon do to our State. No gigantic schemes, no Yankees who come South in every quality robbery, and consequently no Credit Mo- which makes up a man. He is a man of fin

bilier investigations are carried on among us. In the northern part of the hall of the House sits a rather handsome member in the lay aside his exceedingly mild and conserve

of Yazoo county. He is a quadroon, and ranks of our party. But our leaders do not bears the style of an aristocratic Southerner appreciate his stand on questions affecting size, and exhibits superior training in his inthe root in the future, and give us the full
tercourse with other persons. He is a native
benefit of his fine mind and finished educas. McLeod, R. Harlan, Jr., and J. E. Gogopposed to citizenship, both in its etymological and resilited sense. slave by his master in 1840. His parents tion. died when he was quite young, and though slaves as a general thing never did feel that the House is Let a control control from the first of the control from the control form of the control from th their parents would remain with them until loss of his most keenly, had though he was to be seen and heard on the floor, but finds of the resources of the South.

Some of our members have told me that if ally to be present with us) occupying the Some of our members have told me that if post of honor at one end, and our worthy I do not cease dropping in a joke on them. President-elect, George II. Jackson, the same they will write me up with nothing else but at the other.

When we had fairly begun the work of When we had fairly begun the work of when we had fairly begun the work of the can get off. I must confess that I would not care to get him after me, but the boys know the delightful melody of the "song without the religious to the song without the religious to the song without the song without the religious to the song without the song without the religious to the song without the religious to the religi that it is only done by way of a little season-

No one can enter the House without secang a little fellow who is always busy at comething in the person of

HON, JAS. J. SPELMAN.

of Madison county. Here you have one, who, the moment you speak to him, he closes to the faith reposed in them, we have no the hopes we once entertained of its becomhis eyes and shows his teeth. He came into the State in 1868 and engaged in teaching, but did not continue long in that occupation It would take a whole letter to give you a list of the different positions he has held. with comments on each one, for the last five years; so I will merely state them without at the remarks They are as follows: Commissioner port." Response by George II. Jackson. of Election in 1868; Justice of the Peace in 1869; Alderman of the city of Canton in 1869 : Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue in 1869: assistant editor of the Colored Citizen of this State in 1869; was elected to the Legislature in 1869; was a candidate incompleteness for the demands of the presfor the United States Senate against Revels ent, we look to the future for hopeful enin 1870; was re-elected to the Legislature couragement." Response by John S. Mcin 1870; was appointed Aid-de-Camp, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in 1871; was was appointed one of the Trustees of Alcom
University in 1871; was correspondent of "Shells of the Ocean"—Orchestra. promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1871; University in 1871; was correspondent of the New York Tribune and other Northern

pleasure to write is

journals in 1871; was appointed to fill a of n well-spent leisure; it improves and elevacancy as Elector in 1872; was appointed to fill a vacancy as a delegate to the Phila-Easton. delphia Convention in 1872. It would take ne persons their full three score and ten Jones. to fill all these positions, but our friend Mr. Spelman does it with great case in the short stace of five years. One of the members of whom it gives me

by the committee without our knowledge.

Samuel W. Clark. (Valedictory.)

Song-Samuel Jones.

Aria from "Martha"-Orchestra.

Third toast .- " Our Fourth Anniversary

rendered:

Inaugural.)

Song-J. W. Jones.

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school privileges, but has made some pro-

to the Legislature in 1871. He is a member

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isiana, was held there as a slave for many

years before the war. He was denied all gress in educational matters through efforts

of his own. He was appointed a Constable of his county by Gen. Ames, and was elected

of the Committee on Library, and attends to his duties faithfully, both as a member of the committee and as a Representative. One of the members whose appearance is

of Hinds county. The style and appearance of Mr. Fisher reminds one of Theodore Til-

ished education, great perseverance, and accomplished manners. Could Mr. Pisher tive republicanism and become a sound Radi-

bears the style of an aristocratic Southerner in his carriage. He is finely shaped, medium the vital interests of the party. We hope, in his carriage. He is finely shaped, medium the vital interests of the party. We hope, in his carriage. He is finely shaped, medium the vital interests of the party. We hope, in his carriage. Treasurer; C. W. Belle, Corresponding Section 1.

death separated them, yet Mr. Dixon felt the of Adams county. Mr. J. is always anxious that of Mr. Jones for a thorough knowledge

long and faithfully in the cause of his race, and it was proper that he should receive this recognition. It is doubtful whether Mr. words" coming from the vestibule of the hall, for many Republicans who are willing to ac-cept the colored man's aid are averse to exwhere Professor Charles Jefferson's brass and string orchestral band had been stationed will thoroughly test the sincerity of the Re-publican party in this county." The following programme of exercises was

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE seems to be getting along finely, and revives First toast .- " Our Retiring Officers-True opened through its interior before that of Africa. Notwithstanding which some few reckless men pretend to be willing to wager on it. The other day that body passed an ap-In recognition of your ability we place you propriation to pay for the tombstone of a colored by below propriation or undivided supporter who died while in their employ, and a school bill was brought up to provide a system of free schools for colored children, to be paid for by certain taxes collected from colored people. While the bill is far from perfect, and equally far from being satisfa-With gratitude for the past; with conscious

Song—Charles T. Graham.

Declamation—"Drifting"—A. S. Thomas.

With upbeavings and convulsions. Just so son, the Chairman, made a short, brilliant, with the laws which regulate, govern, and feeling speech on the occasion, which control mankind—if tyranny, injustice, and was followed by Mr. Owens, the Secretary.

The Insolence of Corporations.

they have obtained stones at all times, instead of bread. They made a push yesterday, and secured the nomination of Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark is somewhat nearer identified with the white than the colored race, but he is a man of more than ordinary ability. If we have a colored statesman in our midst, that man is Peter II. Clark. He has labored that man is Peter II. Clark. He has labored that man is Peter II. Clark. He has labored that man is Peter II. Clark. He has labored that man is Peter II. Clark. He has labored the latter through their supposed progenitor, long and faithfully in the cause of his race.

ets of the University no distinction is made

regard to color.

The Colored Orphan Asylum and Normal The Colored Orphan Asylum and Normal only as a medium on which to freight over-users as the second or the Friends' care, whelming thoughts. We are aware that some of his intimate friends think some of his intimate friends think some of his is prosperous. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are do-

has laid a track to within ten miles of this tory or just, it is certainly some indication of place. The old planters down the river are

we do not want him to have equal privileges unless he has them alone. The sin of caste is yet to be repented of. I still hear men quoting Scripture to show that God made white men superior to negroes and cursed the latter through their supposed progenitor, Canaan, the son of Ham.

We are making a strong effort to get a branch of the National College located in this part of the State, handy to the colored people. The one already established is in connection with the University in the northwest part of the State, and, although open to all, there are about two hundred white students and but one colored. The American Miscionary Association came into possession of several school properties built by them sond the Bureau. These it proposes to give toward the Normal College. In all parts of the University no distinction is made in several school in a several school properties built by them sond the Bureau. These it proposes seemed to him as complete in all its parts, and at the same time much broader and deeper, and more lofty and far-reaching than anything found in the ancient classies. and deeper, and more lofty and far-reaching than anything found in the ancient classics. ing a noble work there, and deserve some help from the State, which they are now asking for.

Other speeches superior to this one. And it may be so, tried by the standard of a more capable criticism; but that is not our opinion.

We sincerely trust that Mr. Summer's health

We have heard that one of our rallroads may again rally, and that, under the beneficent smiles of a Divine Providence, he may yet have many years of enjoyable life among grateful countrymen, who can never, in jus-tice to themselves, lose sight of his great services. Did they know the intensity of the

RATES OF ADVERTISING. TRANSIENT ADVESTISING BATES:

Sug-Claries T. Graham

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directing all the affairs of the Government in the most minute details. He takes off his coat and lights his pipe, and called yoroceds to "govern" every night. He may not have been within a thousand miles of Washington this season, and yet he knows a great deal better than Congress does how every question ought to be decided. The other day, and ay or two hefore the 4th of March, he noticed that the Senates had eithed the Caldwell case and went at public business. He disapproved of this instantly, and he read the Senators of the United States such a lecture upon their neglect of duty, upon their attempt to cover up and pass by the Caldwell iniquity that they will no doubt remember it to their dying days. He simply "scathed" them, that was all, and let the public see what recreants they were.

Of course, he did not know that the Senators had consulted on the matter, and, seeing that the Caldwell case would consume to the constantly digging and leading to the kind up, as the inhabitants are constantly digging and leading to the constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitants are constantly digging and leading to the limit bitant are constantly digging and leading the limit bitant are constantly digging and leading the limit bitants are const

they were.

Of course, he did not know that the Senators had consulted on the matter, and, seeing that the Caldwell case would consume much time, and that if it was taken up it would consume all the morning hours of the assion to the exclusion of necessary public business, had agreed to let it go over to the extra session. But all the same he rebuked the Senate in his best style.

It is just possible that if the press keeps on in the exercise of authority without information or responsibility, it will by and by weaken its real power, and lose its legitimate influence. If it respects no authority but itself the end may be that the people will begin to doubt its omniscience.

The Philadelphia Lecang Telegraph announces a scheme for supplying the existing deficiencies is training young men for mechanical occupations:

A great defect in our social system is the neglect to train the youth of the country for the following of mechanical occupations.

Several causes conduce to this neglect. Parents, who themselves are mechanics, are desirous that their sons shall be anything else than manual laborers. Their ambitton is easily than manual laborers. Their ambitton is to war shall have, inevitably; and was to not unaccountable of vices. What belongs than manual laborers. Their ambitton is weared to make the pick anything of the kind up, and the inhabitants are constantly digging and the in

Third tosst.—"Our Fourth Anniversary—
With gratitude for the past; with censcions incompleteness for the demands of the present, we look to the future for hopeful encouragement." Response by John S. McLood.

Song—W. S. Berry.

Dialogue (Quarrel of Brutus and Cassius)—
M. Handa, B. Harlan, Jr.

"Shells of the Ocean"—Orchestra.
Fourth tosst.—"Iterreure—The product
of a well-spent leisure; it improves and eigvates the masses." Response by Lewis D.
Dealsmation—"Banty Tim"—Samuel
Jones.

Aris from "Martih "—Orchestra.

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